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Dear Bill,

Several things came to mind after we spoke.

I have no idea what arrangements, if any, have been made for the coming Lane-Gregory book on the King assassination. Prentice-Hall has a big stake in it. The book is going to be a very bad business that the FBI will knock down with ease. Matter of fact it is pretty unfair to the FBI, which is not easy to do. Lane is still the same crook only a little more brazen, the same fabricator only a little more careless. I know there will be an expose before publication. Not by me and not on my initiative. Beware if an offer is made. The chances of a kickback are very high.

Let me postulate that this crazy House committee's life ends the end of next month.

Let me also suggest that there is much your older readers have forgotten and much your younger readers never knew. So I am suggesting what will not be 100% new, what the Enquirer does not ordinarily consider.

It is a series on Why the House of Representatives Did Not Investigate the Political Assassinations. Bad title, but it is part of the idea I have in mind. It is to really say how it could have succeeded and the information with which it could have succeeded.

I was consulted, going back to 1975 and by Sprague after he got the job. I did say that the most important first step was to establish that basic fact about the two crimes that can be established. And that it is of such a nature that the committee would be home clear. It was agreed to. And then not done. Instead they chased mechanical rabbits and literally look^{ed} what they stole from what was published in a desperate effort to be renewed with an inflated and counterproductive budget.

The series would tell the story of the basic fact, what is solid and established as fact - and if there is such a thing as literary property today, all mine.

I cannot figure what the Enquirer will regard as its kind of thing. But by normal journalistic standards this would be good journalism and interesting to most readers. It would carry these credentials: I am the one man the Department of Justice has certified in court knows more about the JFK assassination and the FBI's investigation of it than anyone in the FBI today.

Not being able to figure the Enquirer is also true of my new King material. With all I have done on JFK and what I think of that work this is still unprecedented. I'm thinking of putting aside all I've written and doing an entirely different book. I'm drawing on unprecedented materials I have in unprecedented volume, which is the biggest problem of all, what to leave out. Except that King is dead there is no single truth in the official account and I have the official proof of it. To date in volume this is a stack of solid paper about 60 inches high. (My xeroxing bill since you were here is over \$6,000!) At a minimum I have about a quarter of what I've been assured. Did you ever hear of such back-stopping? And what is particularly pleasing to me is that it entirely confirms all my earlier work and my personal investigation. I'm really talking about what with attention will spring Ray after the Supreme Court nixed his legal efforts. (He has flipped out.) I know everything except the names, I have leads on them and I, personally, will not follow those leads. Too dangerous. Not that I'm that afraid. What else I want to do is important enough to me...I even have a tape-recorded confession from one who had advance knowledge, and that, too, fits in with my own analysis and the subsequent investigation.

Hastily,